

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Currently Amended) A dentifrice composition comprising a crystalline aluminosilicate having an average size below  $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ , in which the aluminosilicate is a zeolite having the formula  $M_{2/n}O - Al_2O_3 - xSiO_2 - yH_2O$  wherein M represents a metal moiety having a valency of n, x indicates the molar ratio of silica to alumina and y indicates the ratio of molecules of water to alumina wherein the zeolite is a P zeolite having a weight mean particle size of at most  $10.0\ \mu\text{m}$ .

2.-3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim-2~~ claim 1 in which x has a value up to 2.66.

5. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim-2~~ claim 1 in which x has a value in the range 1.8 to 2.66.

6. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim-2~~ claim 1 in which x has a value in the range 1.8 to 2.4.

7. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has a moisture content below 20% by weight.

8. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the average crystallite size of the crystalline aluminosilicate is between  $0.01$  and  $0.2\ \mu\text{m}$ .

9. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the average crystallite size of the crystalline aluminosilicate is less than  $0.1\ \mu\text{m}$ .

10. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the average crystallite size of the crystalline aluminosilicate is up to  $0.08\ \mu\text{m}$ .

11. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the RDA of the crystalline aluminosilicate is not greater than 120.

12. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has a PAV of up to 11, preferably up to 9.

13. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has a calcium binding capacity of at least 130 mg CaO per gram of anhydrous aluminosilicate.

14. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has an oil absorption of at least  $40\ \text{cm}^3/100\ \text{g}$ .

15. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has a weight mean particle size of at least  $0.5\ \mu\text{m}$ .

16. (Canceled).

17. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aluminosilicate has a weight mean particle size in range 2.0 to  $2.5\ \mu\text{m}$ .

18. (Previously presented) A dental composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the crystalline aluminosilicate is derived from a zeolite P with the formula  $\text{M}_{2/n}\text{O} - \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 - x\text{SiO}_2 - y\text{H}_2\text{O}$  where M is an alkali metal and in which at least a proportion of the alkali metal M has been exchanged for one or more other metal moieties.

19. (Previously presented) A dental composition as claimed in claim 1 containing at least one additional abrasive/cleaning agent.

20. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the additional agent comprises a different crystalline aluminosilicate, which acts as a cleaning booster.
21. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster has an RDA in the range 100 to 300.
22. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster has an RDA in the range 100 to 250.
23. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the RDA of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate is less than 100.
24. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster has a PAV of in the range 9 to 25.
25. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the PAV of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate is less than 9.
26. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the oil absorption of the cleaning booster is in the range 30 to 100 cm<sup>3</sup>/100 g.
27. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the weight mean particle size of the cleaning booster is in the range 2.0 to 5.0  $\mu$ m.
28. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster has an average crystallite size above 0.2  $\mu$ m.
29. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster has an average crystallite size above 1.0  $\mu$ m.

30. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the proportions of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate and the cleaning booster present by weight are in the range 40:1 to 1:1

31. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the proportions of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate and the cleaning booster present by weight are in the range 9:1 to 3:2.

32. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the proportions of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate and the cleaning booster present by weight are in the range 4:1 to 7:3.

33. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the amount of crystalline aluminosilicate present (not including any cleaning booster present) is in the range 10 to 50 per cent by weight of the dentifrice composition.

34. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the amount of crystalline aluminosilicate present (not including any cleaning booster present) is in the range 25 to 50 per cent by weight of the dentifrice composition.

35. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the amount of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate present is in the range 10 to 40 per cent by weight of the dentifrice composition.

36. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the amount of the first-mentioned aluminosilicate present is in the range 25 to 35 per cent by weight of the dentifrice composition.

37. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster is present in an amount of up to 15 per cent by weight of the dentifrice composition.

38. (Currently amended) A dentifrice composition as claimed in ~~Claim~~ claim 19 in which the cleaning booster is present in an amount in the range 1 to 10 per cent by weight.

39. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 having an FT<sub>100</sub> Cleaning value of at least 50 per cent.

40. (Previously presented) A dentifrice composition as claimed in claim 1 having an FT<sub>100</sub> Cleaning value of at least 70 per cent.